



PROCLAMATION National Recovery Month

WHEREAS, behavioral health is an essential part of health and one's overall wellness, and prevention works, treatment is effective, and people can and do recover from substance use and mental disorders; and

WHEREAS, all people have the fundamental and inherent value to be accepted and treated with respect, human dignity, and worth; and

WHEREAS, individuals should have access to fully participate in community life including economic advancement and prosperity, fair and decent housing, quality education, positive opportunities to benefit from and contribute to material, cultural and social progress; and

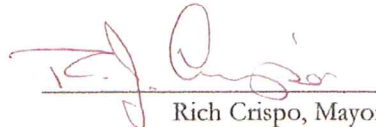
WHEREAS, it is critical to educate our policymakers, friends and family members, health care providers, and businesses that substance use and mental disorders are treatable, and that people should seek assistance for these conditions with the same urgency as they would with any other health condition; and

WHEREAS, to help more people achieve long-term recovery, and learn how recovery positively benefits the Nation's overall well-being, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy invite all residents of Newcastle to participate in National Recovery Month;

NOW, THEREFORE, we the members of the City Council of the City of Newcastle do hereby proclaim the month of September 2012 as National Recovery Month: Prevention Works, Treatment is Effective, People Recover in Newcastle and call upon the people of Newcastle to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities and ceremonies supporting this year's theme, "Join the Voices for Recovery: It's Worth It."

DATED this 21st day of August, 2012.




Rich Crispo, Mayor